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IN MEMORIAM: BLEECKER STAATS, 1929 - 1994

It was Sunday morning, February 13, 1994, and in spite of the threat of snow and ice, the worship service held by Bleecker Staats was packed. His Junior Sermon was such a success that the adults wanted him to conduct the Junior Sermons from that day on. Bleecker's next sermon that day was entitled "Feeling Grateful", in which he paid tribute to his wife, his children and his many friends.

On July 14, 1994, all those people, and more, of all ages, gathered together again at St. John's Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook, New York, to weep, laugh, and reminisce about this dear and beautiful person. It was almost like a dream, in which everyone expected to hear an enthusiastic "Wow", followed by Bleecker's familiar hardy, heart-warming laugh echoing throughout the church.

Feeling grateful is the legacy Bleecker Staats, who passed away on July 11, 1994 to join his wife Doris, left to all those who knew or came into contact with him. I am sure God decided it was not possible for this one person to have to be responsible for all the goodness here on Earth and that it was time for all of us to carry on with what Bleecker gave us: his knowledge, sincerity, enthusiasm for life; his caring and ever-present love which extended not only to his wife and family, but to everyone he met.

An avid Catskill 3500 club member and founder of the famous "Bleecker's Creepers" (so named by "Uncle Ben" Morelli), Bleecker never missed the annual dinner - there was always someone from his hiking classes receiving a patch.

Bleecker's various accomplishments include the setting up of a croquet tournament in such locations as the Wilderstein, Clermont and Vanderpohl House historic sites, with the award at Clermont being named the "Bleecker Staats Award." His greatest accomplishments resulted from whatever he undertook because of the way he put his heart into everything. He loved birding, the boy scouts, camping, canoeing, skiing, ice boating, and swimming in a stream so cold it would turn your skin blue.

Bleecker's son, Chip, expressed at the memorial service what we all came to associate with Bleecker, "Always put yourself in the place of the other person." In the September - December 1994 issue of the *Canister*, in the last paragraph of Bleecker's article, "Thunder, Lightning and Tear of the Clouds", he writes, "...witnessed enough caring in those volunteers, rangers and fellow hikers to carry me through the rest of my life." Well, Bleecker, that is what you have given to all of us throughout your life of sixty-five years.

As a member of "Bleecker's Creepers" and a long-time friend, I have never been so proud in my entire lifetime to have known Bleecker Staats, his wife and family and friends. Forever more, my dearest Bleecker, my heart is in heaven.

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**BLEECKER STAATS' NAME
KNOWN BEYOND CATSKILLS**

Last August, I took the Marine Highway ferry to Alaska. I was wearing my pack which had a 3500 Club patch. While waiting in line to get off the boat at Juneau, someone in back of me asked, "Do you know Bleecker Staats?" I thought I had not heard correctly, but he repeated the question. The questioner was not a hiker, but was from Bleecker's home town of Red Hook, and figured that anyone with a 3500 patch would at least know the name.

This incident serves to show that Bleecker was well known, and not only to hikers.

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THOMAS COLE: LANDSCAPE INTO HISTORY

The exhibition, "Landscape into History," is a must for anyone to whom "Thomas Cole" is more than just a 3,940' mountain. This collection of Cole paintings is the most comprehensive shown since March 1848, when a Memorial Exhibition was held in New York City a month after the artist's death.

Probably most fascinating to 3500 club members will be the Catskill landscapes, such as *Lake with Dead Trees (Catskill)*, which Cole painted from a sketch he made at North Lake in 1825 on his first trip to the mountains. The view from the top of Haines Falls is the subject of *The Clove, Catskills*. Other showpieces include *The Falls of Kaaterskill*, and several views of Catskill Creek showing Indian Head, High Peak and Round Top in the distance, as well as pictures of imaginary, literary and biblical scenes.

"Landscape into History" can be seen at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford through December 4, 1994. From January 13 through April 2, 1995, the exhibition will be presented at the Brooklyn Museum.

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CORRECTION

Robert Walberg's North Dome and Sherrill hike on Sunday, December 18, 1994 meets at the junction of Routes 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 8:30 a.m., and not the junction of Routes 28 and 28A in Boiceville as written in the October-December 1994 issue of the *Canister*.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES: JANUARY - MARCH 1995ASSUMED RISK

Hiking involves certain inherent hazards, and persons participating do so at their own risk.

December through April, the windchill on exposed ridges may reach 50 below zero. If you do not know what type of clothing will be adequate, telephone the hike leader in advance. If you cannot buy, rent, or borrow snowshoes, avoid the mountains in winter. Full (not instep) crampons should also be carried. Properly dressed and equipped, and in proper physical condition, a hiker can enjoy the Catskills in what many people consider the most beautiful season of the year.

Sat. Dec. 31 BLACK DOME and THOMAS COLE

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2769'
Elev.: 3990', 3945' Order: 3, 4

A moderately strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Irene Logan (#888), 516-621-8129 (7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Mon. through Thurs. only)

Sun. Jan. 1 NORTH DOME and SHERRILL

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3610', 3540' Order: 26, 31

A strenuous bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Henry Jenkins (#808), 914-471-6316

Sat. Jan. 7 BIG INDIAN

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2,000'
Elev.: 3680' Order: 20

A moderately strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Biscuit Brook Trailhead on County Rte. 47 at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Harry Rampe (#877), 914-292-6736 (any day after 4:30 P.M.)

Sat. Jan. 7 RUSK and HUNTER

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3680', 4040' Order: 21, 2

A moderately strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Tim Watters (#268), 201-818-9542

Sun. Jan. 8 BALSAM

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1750'
Elev.: 3600' Order: 28

A strenuous trail hike to a required winter peak. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia FOR DEPARTURE AT 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Howard Dash (458), 914-255-3409 (before 9:00 P.M.)

Sat. Jan. 14 FIR and BIG INDIAN

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2150'
Elev.: 3625', 3680' Order: 24, 20

A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike at a moderate pace. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Biscuit Brook Trailhead on County Rte. 47 at 8:00 A.M.

Leader: Lanny Wexler (#593), 516-938-5721 (7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.)

Sat. Jan. 14 **BALSAM LAKE and GRAHAM**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3725', 3868' Order: 16, 8

A good beginner snowshoe trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Bridge over Dry Brook on Rte. 28 in Arkville at 8:00 A.M.

Leader: Joan Dean (#360), 201-762-0396

Sun. Jan. 15 **HALCOTT**Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1650'
Elev.: 3520' Order: 34

A moderate bushwhack at a moderate pace. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia FOR DEPARTURE AT 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Lanny Wexler (#593), 516-938-5721 (7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.)

Sun. Jan. 15 **WINDHAM HIGH PEAK**Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1825'
Elev. 3524' Order: 33

A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Rte. 23 state parking area at trailhead 3 mi. west of E. Windham at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: John Kennedy (#247), 914-876-2055 (W); 914-876-3269 (H) (No calls after 9:00 P.M.)

Sat. Jan. 21 **SOUTHWEST HUNTER**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2500'
Elev.: 3740' Order: 15

A moderate bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Parking lot behind the Phoenicia Pharmacy in Phoenicia at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: John Graham (#478), 914-241-2240 (7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.)

Sat. Jan. 21 **Giant Ledge and PANTHER**Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 1800'
Elev.: 3720' Order: 18

A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Alpine Inn on Burnham Hollow Road off County Rte. 47 at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Sue Eilers (#337), 914-698-7219

Sun. Jan. 22 **KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK**Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1500'
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22

A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Warms Restaurant in Tannersville FOR DEPARTURE AT 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Murray Friedman (#868), 914-779-6233 (7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.)

Sat. Jan. 28 **PLATEAU and SUGARLOAF**Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 3840', 3800' Order: 12, 13

A strenuous trail hike with the possibility of icy conditions. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Warms Restaurant in Tannersville FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Irene Logan (#888), 516-621-8129 (7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Mon. through Thurs. only)

Sun. Jan. 29 **WESTKILL**Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2100'
Elev.: 3880' Order: 6

A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Henry Edmonds (#661), 203-743-7039

Sat. Feb. 4 **DOUBLETOP and GRAHAM**

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2200'
Elev.: 3870', 3868' Order: 7, 8

A strenuous bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Seager trailhead at end of Dry Brook Rd. at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Rick Taylor (#841), 914-226-7639

Sun. Feb. 5 **WITTENBERG and CORNELL**

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3120'
Elev.: 3780', 3865' Order: 14, 9

A strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Anthony Amaral, Jr. (#612), 212-490-7900 (Days: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

Sun. Feb. 5 **BLACKHEAD**

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3940' Order: 5

A strenuous, moderately-paced trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Maplecrest post office at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Warren Hale (#576), 908-236-9543

Sat. Feb. 11 **LONE (and probably ROCKY)**

Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev. 3721', (3508') Order: 17, (35)

A strenuous bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Denning Trailhead FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:00 A.M.

Leader: Joan Dean (#360), 201-762-0396

Sun. Feb. 12 **BALSAM CAP and FRIDAY**

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300'
Elev.: 3694', 3623' Order: 19, 25

A strenuous bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 28A in BOICEVILLE at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Alvin De Maria (#655), 914-255-1704

Sat. Feb. 18 **SUGARLOAF**

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1800'
Elev.: 3800' Order: 13

A moderate trail hike at an easy pace. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Warms Restaurant in Tannersville FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Joe Gardner (#572), 518-439-1074

Sat. Feb. 25 **NORTH DOME and SHERRILL**

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3610', 3540' Order: 26, 31

A strenuous bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:00 A.M.

Leader: Tim Watters (#268), 201-818-9542

Sat. Mar. 4 **BALSAM CAP and FRIDAY**

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300'
Elev.: 3694', 3623' Order: 19, 25

A strenuous bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 28A in BOICEVILLE at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Rick Taylor (#841), 914-226-7639

Sun. Mar. 5 **KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK**Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1500'
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22

A moderate bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Warms Restaurant in Tannersville FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Robert Walberg (#886), 914-876-1821 (before 9:30 P.M.)

Sat. Mar. 11 **BEARPEN and VLY**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3600', 3529' Order: 29, 32

A moderately strenuous bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Municipal parking lot in Fleischmanns across from library at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Howard Dash (458), 914-255-3409 (before 9:00 P.M.)

Sun. Mar. 12 **ROCKY AND LONE**Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2300'
Elev. 3508', 3721' Order: 35, 17

A strenuous, moderately-paced bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Denning Trailhead at 8:00 A.M.

Leader: Ed Goldstein (#861), 212-486-2692 (before 11:00 P.M.)

Sat. Mar. 18 **RUSK**Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1600'
Elev.: 3680' Order: 21

A moderate bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Harry Rampe (#877), 914-292-6736 (any day after 4:30 P.M.)

Sun. Mar. 19 **PEEKAMOOSE and TABLE**Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3190'
Elev.: 3843', 3847' Order: 11, 10

A strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

Leader: Robert Walberg (#886), 914-876-1821 (before 9:30 P.M.)

Sat. Mar. 25 **Giant Ledge and PANTHER**Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 1800'
Elev.: 3720' Order: 18

A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:00 A.M.

Leader: Brian Sullivan (#681), 914-687-7750 (between 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.)

Sun. Mar. 26 **DOUBLETOP**Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2700'
Elev.: 3870' Order: 7

A strenuous bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Biscuit Brook Trailhead on County Rte. 47 at 8:00 A.M.

Leader: Murray Friedman (#868), 914-779-6233 (7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.)

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING SCHEDULED

Keep Saturday, March 25, 1995, free for the Annual Dinner Meeting at the Hillside Manor in Kingston, New York. Guest speaker for the evening will be Robert Steuding, the Poet Laureate of Ulster County, and a noted lecturer of Catskills life and lore, with several books and numerous articles about the Catskills to his credit.

CATSKILL WINTER WEEKEND

January 20 - 22, 1995: The Alpine Inn, Oliverea, New York 12462, on Burnham Hollow Road off County Route 47, 4 miles south of Route 28 at Big Indian, New York. Telephone: 914-254-5026.

Members and aspirants are invited to our annual winter weekend in the heart of the Catskills. Hikes have been, and will be, scheduled for aspirants who might need any of the required winter peaks (**See Page 4 of hiking schedule for hikes already scheduled.**) You don't have to hike or stay overnight at the Inn, but if you're in the area drop by for the Happy Hour and dinner (reservations required for dinner). If you have any questions, contact Paul Hoyt, 43-25 Douglaston Parkway, #4F, Douglaston, New York 11363-1804. Telephone: 718-631-4784.

All rooms have two twin or double beds and private bath. Rates are based on double occupancy. Please specify preference of roommate, if any. For a third and fourth person in a room, there is a 30% discount. Room assignments will be in the order of receipt of reservations. Saturday night only accommodations can be arranged, if available. Extra dinner Friday night and Sunday afternoon - \$17.75, plus tax and gratuity, available by reservation only. Dinner Saturday night only - \$20.00, plus tax and gratuity. \$4.00 will be added for the Saturday P.M. "Happy Hour." Saturday dinner is available by reservation only. Trail lunch - \$6.25 (sandwich, fried chicken, fruit and cake) plus tax.

Reservations: A \$40.00 deposit per person must arrive by **January 2**. Make check payable to "The Alpine Inn" and **mail, along with the completed form below, to The Alpine Inn.**

2 nights = 2 lodgings, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner (tax and gratuity included)

DELUXE ACCOMMODATIONS: 2 double beds. STANDARD ACCOMMODATIONS: 2 twin beds.

Deluxe: des Alps _____ \$128.00 Edelweiss _____ \$128.00

Standard: Ski Hut _____ \$115.00 Edelweiss _____ \$115.00

\$ _____ deposit enclosed for _____ persons. Roommate _____

_____ Friday evening dinner. _____ Sunday afternoon dinner.

Signed _____ Address _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____

GOING STRONG OVER EIGHTY

One of our members is climbing all the peaks over the age of eighty. Is this a first, or does anyone know if this has been done before? Please send your response to Cyrus B. Whitney, Membership Chairman, 41 Morley Drive, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB NEW MEMBERS

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CATSKILL 3500 CLUB NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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Marguerite Munch-Weber
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David A. Pehlke
Diane Piliere



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BAGGING THE BIG APPLE HIGH POINTS

One cold, gray weekend, I was going through my list of state high points and Northeast 4,000 footers, when I began to think of high points I could get to without travelling far from home. Suddenly, I realized that I had never visited the highest point in New York City, though I live only thirty miles away. Then there were the five boroughs, each with its own high point, too.

That day, I went to Eastern Mountain Sports and obtained the USGS topographic maps on which I located the New York City high points. On my way home, I visited my home county's (Nassau) high points. It turns out that Nassau has two, both in ritzy neighborhoods: one is located in the Village of East Hills, and the other in the Village of Old Westbury. I stopped at both high points, but did not linger long for fear one of the residents might think I was a burglar. Well, this is New York.

Several weeks later, on a crystal clear and cold Sunday morning, I decided to do the grand tour of New York City's high points. The first stop was the Borough of Queens, where the high point is 266 feet at the base of the thirty-story North Shore Towers condominium complex. Now the question comes to mind, especially in urban high pointing, what is a high point? Well, if you subscribe to the natural high point definition, it is the base of North Shore Towers. However, if you are a purist and you want the actual high point, whether natural or manmade, then the highest point in Queens is in someone's penthouse in North Shore Towers. Hope you've been invited for dinner!

Brooklyn was next. At an elevation of 217 feet, Brooklyn's high point is located at a mausoleum, atop a grassy knoll, in the middle of Greenwood Cemetery. From this vantage point, there is a good view of New York Harbor and the manmade high points of lower Manhattan. I was lucky no guard was present during my visit as he might have thought me strange when I responded to his question of "Who are you here to see?" with the statement "I'm here to climb the highest point in Brooklyn." Then, again, this being New York, he might not have batted an eyelid.

The next stop on my tour was Todt Hill on Staten Island. Besides being New York City's highest point at 409 feet, it is also notable for the fact that it is the highest point on the Atlantic Coast between Maine and Brazil.

Back in Manhattan, I worked my way north past the World Trade Center, where I used to work and which, at 1,368 feet above sea level, is the highest manmade point in both Manhattan and New York City (almost 1,000 feet higher than Todt Hill). The first of Manhattan's natural high points is 230 feet above sea level and is a world away from the hustle and bustle of Wall Street, Times Square and Grand Central Station. It is located in a forest in Inwood Park with a commanding view of the Hudson River and the towering cliffs of the Palisades across the river in New Jersey. The second high point, also at an elevation of 230 feet, is at the George Washington High School at 190th Street and Audubon Avenue.

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IN MEMORIAM: PHILIP B. HEALD

Philip B. Heald (#359) died suddenly on October 16, 1994.

For the past thirteen years, Phil organized and led the Presidential Range Hike in New Hampshire's White Mountains. The Range Hike originated in 1965 under the leadership of Cecil Jones and Tony Francis of Worcester. Phil first participated in 1978, when he met Norm Smith and Neil Zimmerman and together they began climbing the highest mountains of the northeast. Phil so enjoyed the Range Hike that he joined the hike every July, assisting Cecil and Tony until they retired in 1983, passing the leadership on to him.

In addition to achieving membership in the Catskill 3500 Club, Phil earned membership in the Northeast 4,000 Footers and the New England Hundred Highest Club - all in winter. He and his wife, Betty, are the 7th and 8th persons on record to have climbed the Northeast 4,000 Footers in winter.

For all of his 67 years, Phil loved being outdoors. He was a risk-taker who lived life to the fullest: he went on the longest bike rides, swam the greatest distances, and climbed the highest mountains. His dedication, enthusiasm, laughter and verve will be missed.

Elizabeth M. Heald (#305)
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Organization and leadership of the Presidential Range Hike will be continued by Betty.

LEADERSHIP PATCHES AWARDED

Congratulations to Robert Walberg (#886) and Irene Logan (#888), who each received Leadership patches. The Club awards the leadership patch to members who have led six separate hikes scheduled in the Canister. At least one hike must be to a trailless peak and at least one other must be led during the winter.

SPRING, THE SWEET SPRING

*Spring, the sweet Spring, is the year's pleasant king;
 Then blooms each thing, then maids dance in a ring,
 Cold doth not sting, the pretty birds do sing,
 Cuckoo, jug, jug, pu we, to witta woo.*

*The palm and may make country houses gay,
 Lambs frisk and play, the shepherds pipe all day,
 And we hear aye birds tune this merry lay,
 Cuckoo, jug, jug, pu we, to witta woo.*

*The fields breathe sweet, the daisies kiss our feet,
 Young lovers meet, old wives a-sunning sit,
 In every street these tunes our ears do greet
 Cuckoo, jug, jug, pu we, to witta woo.*

Spring, the sweet Spring!

Thomas Nashe (1567-1602)

The last high point on this tour was in the Bronx, in the affluent Fieldston section, a world away from the burnt-out tenements and decayed streets of the South Bronx.

Urban high pointing can be rewarding. For instance, you can bag multiple high points in one day and at the same time explore a variety of neighborhoods. Discover the high points for yourself; before long, you might be working on your next list.

*Lanny Wexler (#593)
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UPDATE ON HUNTER MOUNTAIN

Thanks to our "Action Alert" letter-writing campaign, as well as similar efforts by the Adirondack Mountain Club and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, the plan for multiple use trails on Hunter Mountain has been put on hold, at least temporarily. On October 29, 1994, Garry Ives, Chief of the DEC's Bureau of Preserve Protection and Management, announced that the draft Hunter Mountain Unit Management Plan conflicted with the 1985 Catskill Park State Land Master Plan, which calls for the management of wild forest lands above 2700 feet to be in accordance with wilderness guidelines. The State Land Master Plan, however, has been overdue for revision and on January 28, 1995, the DEC convened a meeting in Boiceville attended by hikers, bikers, horseback riders, snowmobilers, and local politicians to address changing the plan, with attention to multiple uses, elevation limits and other Catskill issues. The DEC hopes to complete a revised plan by November 1995.

FEATS DON'T FAIL ME NOW

About three years ago, after my marriage ended, I began hiking the Catskills. Until then, even though I had grown up in Poughkeepsie, I had never set foot on a Catskill trail. The solace and comfort I gained seduced me into becoming a compulsive Catskill hiker.

Then almost a year ago last February I tore my knee skiing on Belleayre Mountain and underwent major reconstruction surgery at the end of March. The doctor said I probably wouldn't hike that year, and would be lucky if I skied the following year. My new snowshoes went unused as I watched the snow pile up and my comrade complete his winter peaks without me. But being the rebellious type, when someone tells me I can't do something, I prefer to prove otherwise.

I began hiking again in May, painfully learning my new boundaries on a trip to the Southwest. My first Catskill hike after the accident was at the end of May. What a sight to behold: knee in brace, staff in hand, dog by my side spurring me on. Four months, sixteen peaks, nine bushwhacks, torturous physical therapy and three doctor visits later, I am still going strong.

This injury has enabled me to reach new heights, not only in my quest for the 3500 peaks, but also as a source of empowerment in my life. Pain can be a harsh and frustrating teacher. The lessons I've learned will last a lifetime. Feats don't fail me now!

*Catherine Badger
5 True Street
Binghamton, NY 13905*

Sun. April 23 ROCKY (& possibly LONE)

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2400'
Elev.: 3505' (3721') Order: 35, (16)

A strenuous bushwhack at a steady pace. Some steep, exposed climbing. Short shuttle required.
Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Kanape Brook Parking Lot: Rte. 42 (Peekamoose Rd.) 3 mi. south of W. Shokan
at 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Murray Friedman (#868), 914-779-6233

Sat. April 29 BALSAM & Belleayre

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2800'
Elev.: 3600' Order: 28

A strenuous trail hike at a moderate pace. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rte. 28 & County Rd. 47 in Big Indian across from Morra's Grocery Store on
County Rd. 47 FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Irene Logan (#888), 516-621-8129 (M-Thur. until 9:00 p.m.)

Sat. April 29 SLIDE, CORNELL & WITTENBERG

Distance: 16 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 4180', 3860', 3780'
Order: 1, 9, 14

A long, strenuous trail hike. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Tim Watters (#268), 201-818-9542

Sun. April 30 TABLE & PEEKAMOOSE

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3190'
Elev.: 3847', 3843' Order: 10, 11

A moderate trail-clearing hike on a portion of the Long Path that the club is responsible for clearing.
Bring loppers, weed whackers, etc. if you have them; if not, the club will furnish them. BUT COME!

Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Gerry Gervais (#687), 914-795-2116 (before 10:00 p.m.)

Sat. May 6 HUNTER

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2800'
Elev.: 4040' Order: 2

A moderately strenuous trail hike on some trails that may be changed or rerouted. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Becker Trail parking area, west side of Rte. 214 about 1 mi. south of Jct. with
Rte. 23A at 9:30 a.m.

Leader: Richard Barr (#604), 212-877-2694

**Sun. May 7 KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK
& Huckleberry Point**

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22

A very strenuous bushwhack starting from West Saugerties.

Meeting Place: Call leader for details BEFORE 6:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 5.

Leader: Steve Fishman (#618), 914-331-1206

Sat. May 13 Giant Ledge & PANTHER

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 1800'
Elev.: 3720' Order: 18

A moderate trail hike. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Stephen Schifani (#910), 914-691-7767 (M-F, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.)

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Sun. May 14 SOUTH WEST HUNTER

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2500'
Elev.: 3740' Order: 15

A strenuous bushwhack at a moderate pace. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 & County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Sandy Aldrich (#914), 914-776-0625

Sun. May 14 BEARPEN & VLY

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3600', 3529' Order: 29, 32

A moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack.

Meeting Place: Municipal parking lot in Fleischmanns across from library at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Sue Eilers (#337), 914-698-7219

**Sat. May 20 BLACKHEAD, BLACK DOME &
THOMAS COLE**

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3400'
Elev.: 3940', 3980', 3940'
Order: 5, 3, 4

A strenuous trail hike at a moderate pace. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Howard Dash (#458), 914-255-3409 (before 9:00 p.m.)

Sun. May 21 FIR & BIG INDIAN

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2150'
Elev.: 3620', 3700' Order: 25, 19

A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike.

Meeting Place: Biscuit Brook Trailhead on Rte. 47 at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Greg Dyck (#882), 914-473-0933

Sat. May 27 BALSAM CAP & FRIDAY

Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 1700'
Elev.: 3623', 3694' Order: 24, 20

A long, fast-paced bushwhack and trail hike. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Harry Rampe (#877), 914-292-6736 (any time after 5:00 p.m.)

Sat. June 3 WESTKILL End-to-End

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3880' Order: 6

A moderately strenuous trail hike at a moderate pace. Torrential rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 & County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 10:00 a.m.

Leader: Marty Cohen (#728)

Sat. June 3 TABLE, PEEKAMOOSE & LONE

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2500'
Elev.: 3847', 3843', 3721'
Order: 10, 11, 16

A strenuous trail hike and bushwhack at a moderate pace. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

Leader: Lanny Wexler (#593), 516-938-5721 (7:00 - 10:00 p.m.)

Sun. June 4 BALSAM LAKE & GRAHAM

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev. 3270', 3868' Order: 17, 7

A moderate trail hike at a moderate pace. Torrential rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Trailhead parking lot on Millbrook Road at 9:30 a.m.

Leader: Wanda Davenport (#523)

Sat. June 10 WESTKILL & NORTH DOME

Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 3880', 3610' Order: 6, 26

A strenuous bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 & County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Bruno Walmsley (#610), 609-924-4679

Sun. June 11 INDIAN HEAD & TWIN

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3573', 3640' Order: 30, 23

A moderate trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Trailhead at Prediger Road at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Rosemary Walmsley (#611), 609-924-4679

Sat. June 17 NORTH DOME & SHERRILL

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3610', 3540' Order: 26, 31

A strenuous bushwhack. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Ed Goldstein (#861), 212-486-2692

Sat. June 17 WINDHAM HIGH PEAK

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1800'
Elev.: 3524' Order: 33

Easy to moderate trail hike. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Trailhead on Rte. 23 at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Doug Robins (#153), 203-693-0130

Sun. June 18 TWIN & SUGARLOAF

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 3640', 3800' Order: 23, 13

A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Mink Hollow parking lot 2 mi. north of Lake Hill on Rte. 212 west of Woodstock at 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Murray Friedman (#868), 914-779-6233 (7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)

Sat. June 24 LONE & ROCKY

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2300'
Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 16, 35

A long, strenuous bushwhack at a moderate pace. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Denning Trailhead at 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Harry Rampe (#877), 914-292-6736 (any time after 5:00 p.m.)

Sun. June 25 KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1700'
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22

A moderately strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Warms Restaurant in Tannersville FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Robert Walberg (#886), 914-876-1821 (before 9:00 p.m.)

NOTICE

Found near the summit of Sherrill on 12/17/94: a turquoise shell with what appear to be keys for a Volvo. The owner should contact Cyrus B. Whitney, 41 Morley Drive, Wyckoff, NJ 07481, telephone 201-447-2653.

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BOB STEUDING: AN ESSAY AND POEMS FROM A CATSKILL MOUNTAIN JOURNAL

Bob Steuding, Poet Laureate of Ulster County, was the guest speaker at the Club's Annual Dinner on March 25, 1995. Among his books are two volumes of Poetry, *Ashokan* and *Winter Sun*, and *The Last of the Handmade Dams: The Story of the Ashokan Reservoir*. Presently, he is working on a new book, *Rondout: The Story of a Hudson River Port* to be published by Purple Mountain Press.

ON WALKING

When I walk in the Catskills, I cover very little ground. I walk slowly and carefully like deer in the meadow, turning my head from left to right. Unconsciously, I quarter the territory, moving a mile or two in a day. I like walks which begin in the morning, pause for lunch, and then conclude in the late afternoon. In this way, I experience the full goodness of the day. I like to hear the calm silences of lazy, cloud-filled days, see the light reflected from the leaves of trees, feel the heat rise off exposed rock, stand alone in a meadow, smelling the sweet odor of heat off grass, and hear the insect buzz, feeling the peace and contentment rise in me, the psychic settling, the centering.

These walks are like going on a trip, a long and satisfying vacation, in fact. On these walks I feel as far away, as removed from the cares of everyday life as I do, for example, on holiday at the ocean or in the city of New York. One takes one's cares with one wherever one goes, and in like manner, one can leave them at home by simply stepping out the door in the right frame of mind.

These walks are travel in the deepest sense of the word. For they provide rest, recreation, and adventure. What I see on a walk - even a familiar walk - is always refreshing and new. A walk has stages like any other journey. There is the departure, with its preparations and its fits and starts, packing the lunch, finding the notebook, the hat. Once launched, one settles into the voyage, moving through the landscape, observing the weather. At this time, one thinks only of being out and away, in the woods, the meadow, or on the mountain. Now, one exists in a seamless continuum, free of the restrictions of a life lived in time. There are no meetings, no deadlines, no telephones, and if one is smart, no clocks. Only the movement of the sun across the sky holds any significance. It only takes one good walk, one with no expectations or plan, one in which we stride off with no intention of ever coming back, to realize how time-bound we are today, how tied to the ticking of the clock. We measure out our lives in segments. We do this at work, of course, but sadly, we also do the same thing at play. It is as if we live our lives following a previously printed program. Walks, of the sort which I am suggesting, can cure this condition, or at least begin the therapy to affect that cure. Finally, in the walk, there is the return. It can occur at any time during our sauntering. This is the point in every walk, although not planned or intended, when the walk is over, and it is time to turn around and go home. It usually takes the form of a deep internal awareness that the promise of the walk has been fulfilled. This is the moment when being home becomes more desirable than being away. One's house or room, one's books, one's family and friends resume their earlier importance, and one hears more loudly the call of comfort and security than the wild cry of adventure. It is a bittersweet moment, to be sure. But it is one which inevitably and rightfully occurs; for it is the natural culmination of all good walks. There can be no going out without a return. And once back to the warmth of home and hearth, the walker soon hungers for the pleasures of the field once again. It is a delightful process, one which can be repeated over and over again.

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LEADERSHIP PATCH AWARDED

Congratulations to Alvin De Maria (#655) who received the club's leadership patch. This is awarded to members who have led six separate hikes scheduled in the *Canister*. At least one hike must be to a trailless peak, and at least one must be led during the winter.

SEARCH AND RESCUE GETS NEW CHAIRMAN

Harry Rampe (#877) has taken over the chairmanship of the Search and Rescue Committee. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Harry at 33 Albion Street, Liberty, New York 12754, 914-292-6736.

REMINDER

Membership dues for members and subscription fees for aspirants are now past due. Please send \$5.00 to Cy Whitney, 41 Morley Drive, Wyckoff, NJ 07481-3322.

Many writers have written about walking; this I know. Thoreau's piece is probably the best. And thus, it seems foolhardy to attempt to add anything of significance to the discussion of such a well-worn topic. Nonetheless, I find myself unable to temper my enthusiasm for walking, or to restrain my desire to state here my belief in its value as a human endeavor and its efficacy as a tonic for happy and satisfied living. I have been a walker my entire life, and having lost the practice of this gift for a time, I can attest most strongly to its supreme importance in my own life. For to me, to walk is to live.

WILD ONIONS

Out for a walk,
Thought I'd sit right here.
Smells like someone's cooking.
It's wild onion grass.

Cows would go crazy,
The milk be no good for days,
But no cows here for years.
Only deer browse,
Crop the spiky cedar trees that
Look like ice cream cones,
While redwing blackbirds rasp on thin branches
In midair.
A woodchuck's hole is over there.

Let it all fall away.
The pasture's filled with weeds,
And all I can think about is food.

NOON MEADOW

Swallows swoop and swirl
Overhead

Flies buzz past.

A yellow butterfly rests
On a tall shaft of seeding grass

(wind in the scrub oak)

A lone wood lily bends stiffly
In the meadow below.

In two weeks
Blueberries.

DESCENDING

Rain on rocks slows our descent
Down Friday Mountain.

To the north
Across a deep gulf,
The balsam on Wittenberg Mountain,
Just visible,
Bristles in the drifting fog.

Many miles away by roads,
My newborn son and his mother
Are warm.

As the womb heals,
We grope toward one another,
Like moles under the house.

AT MOONHAW

red shake cabins
boarded up

log road closed.

snowshoes squeak
in fresh snow
as I bend and drink
from icy
(Old Algonkian)
stream
water freezing in my beard.

on the far bank
a young doe
stares and stares,

I am alone at dusk
the Catskill Mountains:

every living thing knows
I'm here

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES: JULY - SEPTEMBER 1995ASSUMED RISK

Hiking involves certain inherent hazards, and persons participating do so at their own risk.

- Sat. July 1 ROCKY and LONE Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2300'
Elev.: 3508', 3721' Order: 35, 16
A strenuous bushwhack at a moderate pace. Heavy rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Robert Walberg (#886), 914-876-1821 (before 9:00 p.m.)
- Sun. July 2 WESTKILL End-to-End Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3880' Order: 6
A somewhat strenuous trail hike at a moderate pace. Rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 9:30 a.m.
Leader: Stephen Schifani (#910), 914-691-7767 (7:00-9:30 p.m., M-F)
- Sat. July 8 DOUBLETOP Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2700'
Elev.: 3860' Order: 8
A strenuous bushwhack. Rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Biscuit Brook Trailhead on Rte. 47 at 8:00 a.m.
Leader: Harry Rampe (#877), 914-292-6736 (after 5:00 p.m. weekdays)
- Sun. July 9 CORNELL and FRIDAY Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 3860', 3694' Order: 9, 20
A strenuous bushwhack at a steady pace. Rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:00 a.m.
Leader: Murray Friedman (#868), 914-779-6233 (7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Sat. July 15 SHERRILL and NORTH DOME Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3540', 3610' Order: 31, 26
A strenuous bushwhack. Rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Steve Clark (#959), 914-452-8973 (7:00-9:30 p.m.)
- Sun. July 16 Platte Clove, Huckleberry Point
and Escarpment Loop Distance: 10-15 mi.
Ascent: 1600'-2000' Elev.: 3100'
Description: A rugged, very scenic, exploratory bushwhack for sure-footed hikers only. Limited to 10
participants. Fair-weather hike.
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
Leader: Stephen Fishman (#618), 914-331-1206 (before 10:00 p.m., Sun.-Thurs.)
- Sun. July 23 BALSAM LAKE and GRAHAM Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3720', 3868' Order: 17, 7
A moderate trail hike. Rain cancels; call leader if in doubt.
Meeting Place: Bridge over Dry Brook on Rte. 28 in Arkville at 9:00 a.m.
Leader: Veronica O'Neil (#932), 914-776-5256 (before 9:00 p.m.)
- Sat. July 29 RUSK Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1750'
Elev.: 3680' Order: 21
A short but steep bushwhack at a moderate pace. All-weather hike.
Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 9:30 a.m.
Leader: Sandy Aldrich (#914), 914-963-9802 (before 10:00 p.m.)

Sun. July 30 **BIG INDIAN and EAGLE**Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3700', 3600' Order: 19, 27

A moderately paced, mostly trail hike with short bushwhack to peaks. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Municipal parking lot in Fleischmanns across from library at 8:30 a.m.

Leaders: George Perkinson (#908), 914-358-9132 (7:00-9:00 p.m., Thurs.-Fri.)

George Sheedy (#806), 914-986-6807

Sat. Aug. 5 **TABLE and PEEKAMOOSE End-to-End**Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3190'
Elev.: 3847', 3843' Order: 10, 11

A strenuous trail hike at a moderate pace. Shuttle required. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Marguerite Munch-Weber (#892), 718-387-7320 (9:30-10:30 p.m.)

Sun. Aug. 6 **THOMAS COLE, BLACK DOME and BLACKHEAD**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2300'
Elev.: 3940', 3980', 3940'
Order: 4, 3, 5

A strenuous trail hike from Barnum Road to Big Hollow Road. Shuttle required. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 8:30 a.m.

Leaders: George Perkinson (#908), 914-358-9132 (7:00-9:00 p.m., Thurs.-Fri.)

George Sheedy (#806), 914-986-6807

Sat. Aug. 12 **KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK**Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 1700'
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22

A moderate trail hike and bushwhack. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Warms Restaurant in Tannersville FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Harry Rampe (#877), 914-292-6736 (after 5:00 p.m. weekdays)

Sun. Aug. 13 **INDIAN HEAD and TWIN**Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3573', 3640' Order: 30, 23

A somewhat strenuous trail hike at a moderate pace. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Trailhead at Prediger Road at 9:30 a.m.

Leader: Stephen Schifani (#910), 914-691-7767 (7:00-9:30 p.m., M-F)

Sun. Aug. 19 **SOUTHWEST HUNTER and HUNTER**Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2500'
Elev.: 3740', 4040' Order: 15, 2

A strenuous bushwhack at a moderate pace followed by an easy trail hike. All-weather hike.

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Sandy Aldrich (#914), 914-963-9802 (before 10:00 p.m.)

Sun. Aug. 20 **PLATEAU and SUGARLOAF**Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 3840', 3800' Order: 12, 13

A strenuous trail hike at a moderate pace. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Warms Restaurant in Tannersville FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Robert Walberg (#886), 914-876-1821 (before 9:00 p.m.)

Sat. Aug. 26 **BALSAM CAP and FRIDAY**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300'
Elev.: 3623', 3694' Order: 24, 20

A steep, strenuous bushwhack. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: John Graham (#478), 914-241-2240 (before 9:30 p.m.)

Sun. Aug. 27 **BEARPEN and VLY**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3600', 3529' Order: 29, 32

A moderate trail hike and bushwhack. Rain cancels; call leader if in doubt.

Meeting Place: Municipal parking lot in Fleischmanns across from library at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Veronica O'Neil (#932), 914-776-5256 (before 9:00 p.m.)

Sat. Sept. 2 **Tremper**Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2030'
Elev.: 2740'

A moderate trail hike. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery FOR DEPARTURE AT 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Harry Rampe (#877), 914-292-6736 (after 5:00 p.m. weekdays)

Sun. Sept. 3 **TWIN**Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1640'
Elev.: 3640' Order: 23

A moderate trail hike at an easy pace. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Warms Restaurant in Tannersville for DEPARTURE at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Joe Gardner (#572), 518-439-1074

Sat. Sept. 9 **WITTENBERG and CORNELL**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3120'
Elev.: 3780', 3860' Order: 14, 9

A strenuous bushwhack; some steep, exposed climbing. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rte. 28 & County Rd. 47 in Big Indian across from Morra's Grocery Store on County Rd. 47 at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Henry Jenkins (#808), 914-471-6316

Sun. Sept. 10 **PANTHER End-to-End**Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3720' Order: 18

A strenuous hike at a moderate pace. Shuttle required. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Marguerite Munch-Weber (#892), 718-387-7320 (9:30-10:30 p.m.)

Sat. Sept. 16 **DOUBLETOP and GRAHAM**Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 2700'
Elev.: 3860', 3868' Order: 8, 7

A steep, strenuous bushwhack. All-weather hike.

Meeting Place: Bridge over Dry Brook on Rte. 28 in Arkville at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Jack Driller (#483), 201-444-3765 (7:00-10:00 p.m.)

Sun. Sept. 17 **INDIAN HEAD**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1500'
Elev.: 3573' Order: 30

A moderate trail hike. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Howard Johnson's on Rte. 32 just north of Saugerties (Exit #20 of Thruway) at 8:30 a.m., or trailhead at Prediger Road at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Marge Velasquez (#677), 914-361-4351 (before 9:30 p.m.)

Sun. Sept. 17 **HALCOTT**Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1650'
Elev.: 3520' Order: 34

A moderately-paced bushwhack. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Stephen Schifani (#910), 914-691-7767 (7:00-9:30 p.m., M-F)

Sat. Sept. 23 **Far Western Catskills, Part II**

Distance: 13 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 2512', 2461'

A strenuous trail hike in a rarely visited area of the Catskills. Rain cancels. Rain date Sun. Sept. 24.

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

Leader: Lanny Wexler (#593), 516-938-5721 (7:00-10:00 p.m.)

Sun. Sept. 24 **EAGLE, BIG INDIAN and FIR**

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 3600', 3700', 3620'
Order: 27, 19, 25

A strenuous bushwhack at a steady, moderate pace. Short shuttle required. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rte. 28 & County Rd. 47 in Big Indian across from Morra's Grocery Store on County Rd. 47 at 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Murray Friedman (#868), 914-779-6233 (7:30-9:00 p.m.)

Sun. Sept. 24 **BALSAM and Belleayre**

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2800'
Elev.: 3600' Order: 28

A moderate trail hike. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Marge Velasquez (#677), 914-361-4351 (before 9:30 p.m.)

Sat. Sept. 30 **WINDHAM HIGH PEAK**

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1825'
Elev. 3524' Order: 33

A moderately paced trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Robert Walberg (#886), 914-876-1821 (before 9:00 p.m.)

Sun. Oct. 1 **RUSK and WESTKILL**

Distance: 13 mi. Ascent: 3750'
Elev.: 3680', 3880' Order: 21, 6

A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Rain cancels; call leader if in doubt.

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Veronica O'Neil (#932), 914-776-5256 (before 9:00 p.m.)

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL DINNER

The 30th annual dinner meeting of the Catskill 3500 Club took place on Saturday, March 25, 1995 at the Hillside Manor in Kingston, New York. Roy Messaros, Dinner Chairman, introduced Club President, Sue Eilers, who welcomed everyone and in turn introduced the past club presidents: Bill Spangenberg (the first president); Franklin Clark; Roy Messaros; Fred Schmelzer; Cy Whitney; Paul Hoyt; and Howard Dash. Neil Zimmerman, President of the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary, took the dais and stated that the Trail Conference now maintained 185 miles of trails and 12 leantos in the Catskills and thanked everyone for their assistance. Sue Eilers also introduced Garry Ives of the DEC and Susan, the daughter of Mr. Shultis of Moonhaw Road, who allows club members to cross his property to access Friday and Balsam Cap peaks. She next thanked everyone who wrote to the DEC about the Hunter Unit Management Plan, which resulted in the DEC reconsidering the plan. Mention was also made of the presence of Calvin Brown of the No Lights, Overlook Mountain Organization, concerning the erection of a 139-foot tower on Overlook Mountain. The evening ended with an enjoyable and informative program hosted by guest speaker, Bob Steuding, who presented the History of Rondout, a Hudson River Port.

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FOLLOWING GHOSTS: THE SEARCH FOR THE CANISTER ON SOUTHWEST HUNTER

Since finishing the 3500 peaks in 1972 and noting that Southwest Hunter has since been added to the list, I decided that it was time to return to the Catskills and pick up this newest last peak.

On October 6, 1994, I arrived at the Devil's Acre leanto with three friends, one of whom had brought the latest ADK Guide Book to the Catskills, which talked about starting at the leanto and running the ridge west. Armed also with the Hunter New York 1945 topo map, we located the easterly summit then continued towards the westerly summit until the mountain seemed to be headed down and we doubled back to a large, flattish area which felt "right," whatever that means. We explored any herd paths we found, whacked bush and circled balsam; we found a tiny pond and some blue poncho plastic at the junction of some herd paths, but no canister. So we bushwhacked east along the ridge, pushing through cripplebush and blowdown. Still no success. With rain threatening and none of us wanting to get caught in a downpour, a situation we call "car wash" in the Adirondacks, we gave up the attempt to find the canister.

When we arrived back at the leanto, rain was still threatening, but the other folks in the party, who hadn't hiked in the Catskills before, didn't want to leave without getting a peak. Hunter was nearby, and heeding its call, off they went. Meanwhile, I decided to look for well-traveled herd paths thinking we must have missed something obvious. I abandoned the ADK guide book information and returned to my original plan. First heading west on the Devil's Path, I soon found an unmarked, well-worn herd path, which was quite flat, and looked like an old logging railroad I'd read about. After about fifteen minutes on this road, I came to a small cairn where a well-worn herd path branched left, up the mountain. So up I went to the top where a blowdown blocked the path. On the other side, several indistinct paths diverged. I followed them all, and each time arrived back at the flat area between the two peaks that my friends and I had recently visited!

Undaunted, I followed every herd path I could find, looking for branches left or right that might take me to the summit. After half an hour of thrashing around, at which point the air began misting with rain, I returned the way I came and met up with my friends on Route 214. That's when the sun came out and Southwest Hunter laughed.

Looking back on that day, my ego would like to think that the canister has been removed from Southwest Hunter, but inside I know it's still up there. After all, the herd path I followed up the mountain was well-traveled, or so it seemed, as it ended up leading nowhere. Perhaps I should have stayed on the logging railroad or perhaps I was just following ghosts.

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TO AUTUMN

*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eyes run;
To bend with apples the mossed cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimmed their clammy cells.*

*Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reaped furrow sound asleep,
Drowsed with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spare the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.*

*Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,--
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge crickets sign; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.*

JOHN KEATS

LEADERSHIP PATCH AWARDED

Congratulations to Harry Rampe (#877) who has received a leadership patch.

The club awards the leadership patch to members who have led six separate hikes scheduled in the *Canister*. At least one hike must be to a trailless peak, and at least one other must be led during the winter.

RAYMOND PRIDE REMEMBERS FIRST WINTER CATSKILL HIKE

We have had our vacation home in the Catskills for several years and have enjoyed occasional fall hikes with friends. We would arrive at the mountain just before noon, hike to the first overlook, spread out our blankets and eat a gourmet lunch. Hagen would bring the smoked meats and cheese, Nancy chose the wines, Eldine and Heide made the desserts, and Ted and Howard would start debates and off-color jokes. On a good day, we would walk four miles, drink as many bottles of wine and consume twice as many calories as we expended.

Soon, we had hiked most of the accessible marked trails and had difficulty finding new hikes and flat rocks on which to lay out our spread. Then we learned of the Catskill 3500 Club. Suddenly, the Catskills exploded in size. The trail maps presented wonderful new hiking possibilities; until then, we had never considered "off trail" hiking. The club also introduced us to winter hiking.

Armed with compass, altimeter, snowshoes and warm clothes, we set out on our first winter hike on Slide mountain on December 26, 1993. The previous evening had ushered in an Arctic front, accompanied by strong, gusting winds; we started out in sub-zero conditions with a foot of snow on the ground. It wasn't long before our sandwiches and the water in our canteens froze, and the tops on our thermoses wouldn't open.

We proceeded slowly and steadily under a steel gray sky. Nearby mountains intermittently disappeared in local snow squalls. As we neared the summit, we passed beneath the cloud base. The temperature dropped further, and a steady, light snow began to fall. The scenery now turned truly dramatic, with snow encrusting the blackened balsam. Near the summit, it was snowing heavily, and drifts in the trail made our progress more difficult. Our stop at the peak was brief, as the snow and wind were blowing fiercely. Once back in the car, we turned on the heater and warmed our hands and feet, thawed out our sandwiches and melted the ice seals on our thermoses.

Our first "off season" hike had proved tough but satisfying; wondrous new opportunities lay ahead.

*Raymond M. Pride
Roxbury, New York*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

The DEC is responsible for organizing searches in the Catskills and in special cases, such as a search for a lost child, they may call on the 3500 Club for help. It has been several years since our assistance was requested, but if an extensive search is needed, our knowledge of the Catskills would prove invaluable. Those offering to participate would not be required to join in every search; rather, they would enter a pool from which available volunteers would be drawn.

Harry Rampe has been our new Search and Rescue Chairman since April of this year and his list of possible volunteers is quite small. We would urge our members to offer their services for this worthy cause. Those interested in doing so should contact Harry Rampe at 33 Albion Street, Liberty, NY 12754; telephone (914) 292-6736.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES: OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1995ASSUMED RISK

Hiking involves certain inherent hazards, and persons participating do so at their own risk.

Sun. Oct. 1 RUSK and WESTKILL

Distance: 13 mi. Ascent: 3750'
Elev.: 3680', 3880' Order: 21, 6

A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Veronica O'Neil (#932), 914-776-5256 (before 9:00 p.m.)

Sat. Oct. 7 SHERRILL and NORTH DOME

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3540', 3610' Order: 31, 26

A moderately-paced bushwhack. All-weather hike.

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Greg Dyck (#882), 914-473-0933 (before 9:30 p.m.)

Sun. Oct. 8 WITTENBERG and CORNELL

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3120'
Elev.: 3780', 3860' Order: 14, 9

A strenuous trail hike at a moderate pace. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery FOR DEPARTURE AT 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Veronica O'Neil (#932), 914-776-5256 (before 9:00 p.m.)

Sun. Oct. 8 Beaverkill Range Exploration

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2800'
Elev.: 3300'

A moderately strenuous bushwhack. Bring map and compass. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Jct. of County Rd. 19 and County Rd. 157 at bridge in Claryville at 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Murray Friedman (#868), 914-779-6233 (7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

Mon. Oct. 9 Huntersfield Ridge

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1600'
Elev.: 3423'

A moderately strenuous trail hike on the new Long Path section over Ashland Pinnacle and Huntersfield Mountain. Shuttle required. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Zadock Pratt Museum on Rte. 23 in Prattsville at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Lanny Wexler (#593), 516-938-5721 (7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

Sat. Oct. 14 SOUTHWEST HUNTER

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 2500'
Elev.: 3740' Order: 15

A strenuous bushwhack at a moderate pace. All-weather hike.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Henry Jenkins (#808), 914-471-6316

Sun. Oct 15 PEEKAMOOSE and TABLE

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3190'
Elev.: 3843', 3847' Order: 11, 10

A moderate, all-weather trail-clearing hike on a portion of the Long Path that the club is responsible for clearing. Bring loppers, weed whackers, etc., if you have them. If not, the club will furnish them - BUT, COME.

Meeting Place: Trailhead on Peekamoose Road at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Jerry Gervais (#687), 914-795-2116 (leave messages on 914-341-5515)

Sat. Oct. 21 **WESTKILL End-to-End**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3880' Order: 6

A somewhat strenuous trail hike at a moderate pace. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Irene Logan (#888), 516-621-8129 (Mon. - Thurs., 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. only)

Sun. Oct. 22 **LONE and ROCKY**Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2300'
Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 16, 35

A strenuous bushwhack. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Bruno Walmsley (#610), 609-924-4679

Sun. Oct. 22 **HALCOTT**Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1650'
Elev.: 3520' Order: 34

A moderate bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery FOR DEPARTURE AT 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Warren Hale (#576), 908-236-9543

Sat. Oct. 28 **DOUBLETOP and GRAHAM**Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2700'
Elev.: 3860', 3868' Order: 8, 7

A strenuous, moderately-paced bushwhack. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Seager parking lot at 9:30 a.m. (no calls after 11:00 p.m., Oct. 26)

Leader: Ed Goldstein (#861), 212-486-2692

Sun. Oct. 29 **WINDHAM HIGH PEAK**Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1825'
Elev. 3524' Order: 33

A moderately-paced trail hike. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Stephen Schifani (#910), 914-691-7767 (7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri.)

Sun. Oct. 29 **BALSAM CAP and FRIDAY**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300'
Elev.: 3623', 3694' Order: 24, 20

A strenuous bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Robert Walberg (#886), 914-876-1821 (before 9:30 p.m.)

Sat. Nov. 4 **SLIDE**Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1650'
Elev.: 4180' Order: 1

A moderate trail hike at a slow pace - leader recovering from knee surgery. Call a couple of days before hike to verify it's a "go." Rain cancels. Rain date: Sun., Nov. 5.

Meeting Place: Slide Mountain parking area on County Rd. 47 at 9:30 a.m.

Leader: Wanda Davenport (#523), 201-670-8383 (before 9:00 p.m.)

Sat. Nov. 4 **INDIAN HEAD and TWIN**Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3573', 3640' Order: 30, 23

A somewhat strenuous trail hike from Wase Road to Prediger Road. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Trailhead at Prediger Road at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Rick Taylor (#841), 914-226-7639

Sun. Nov. 5 **Ashokan High Point**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2070'
Elev.: 3080'

A somewhat strenuous trail hike. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Kanape Brook Trailhead on County Rd. 42 at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Rick Taylor (#841), 914-226-7639

Sat. Nov. 11 **BIG INDIAN, FIR, Spruce and Hemlock**

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3700', 3620', 3380', 3260'
Order: 19, 25

A strenuous trail hike and bushwhack. Shuttle required. Rain cancels; call leader if in doubt.

Meeting Place: Biscuit Brook Trailhead at 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Alvin DeMaria (#655), 914-255-1704

Sun. Nov. 12 **BALSAM**

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1750'
Elev.: 3600' Order: 28

A moderately-paced trail hike. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Stephen Schifani (#910), 914-691-7767 (7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri.)

Sat. Nov. 18 **SLIDE, CORNELL and WITTENBERG**

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 4180', 3865', 3780'
Order: 1, 9, 14

A strenuous trail hike. Shuttle required. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia for DEPARTURE AT 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Marguerite Munch-Weber (#892), 718-387-7320 (9:30-10:30 p.m.)

Sat. Nov. 18 **KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK**

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Elev.: 3655' Order: 22

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Meeting Place: Municipal parking lot in Fleischmanns across from library at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Veronica O'Neil (#932), 914-776-5256 (before 9:00 p.m.)

**Nov. 20 - Dec. 10: HUNTING SEASON (FIREARMS) IN THE CATSKILLS.
NO HIKES SCHEDULED IN THE CATSKILLS.**

December through April the windchill on exposed ridges may reach 50 below zero. If you do not know what type of clothing will be adequate, telephone the hike leader in advance. If you cannot buy, rent, or borrow snowshoes, avoid the mountains in winter. Unless specified otherwise, full crampons should be carried. Properly dressed and equipped, and in proper physical condition, a hiker can enjoy the mountains in what many people consider the most beautiful season of the year.

Sat. Dec. 16 **GRAHAM and BALSAM LAKE**

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1300'
Elev.: 3868', 3720' Order: 7, 17

An easy trail hike. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Robin Hood Diner at exit 96 of Rte. 17 in Livingston Manor FOR DEPARTURE AT 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Harry Rampe (#877), 914-292-6736 (after 5:00 p.m. weekdays)

Sun. Dec. 17 **Van Wyck, TABLE and LONE**

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2700'
Elev.: 3280', 3847', 3721'
Order: 10, 16

A strenuous bushwhack at a steady pace. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Murray Friedman (#868), 914-779-6233 (7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

Sat. Dec. 23 **BLACKHEAD**

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1740'
Elev.: 3940' Order: 5

A strenuous trail hike to a required winter peak. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Steve Clark (#959), 914-452-8973 (7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri.)

Sat. Dec. 30 **THOMAS COLE and/or
BLACK DOME**

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3940', 3980' Order: 4, 3

A moderate trail hike at an easy pace. May spot a car to do both mountains. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Joe Gardner (#572), 518-439-1074

Sat. Dec. 30 **FIR**

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1800'
Elev.: 3625' Order: 24

A moderate bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rte. 28 and County Rd. 47 in Big Indian across from Morra's Grocery Store on County Rd. 47 at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Ed Goldstein (#861), 212-486-2692 (no calls after 11:00 p.m., Dec. 28)

WINTER

Green Mistletoe!
Oh, I remember now
A dell of snow.
Frost on the bough:
None there but I:
Snow, snow, and a wintry sky.

None there but I,
And footprints one by one,
Zigzaggedly.
Where I had run:
Where shrill and powdery
A robin sat in the tree.

And he whistled sweet:
And I in the crusted snow
With snow-clubbed feet
Jigged to and fro,
Till, from the day,
The rose-light ebbed away.

And the robin flew
Into the air, the air,
The white mist through:
And small and rare
The night-frost fell
Into the calm and misty dell.

And the dusk gathered low,
And the silver moon and stars
On the frozen snow
Drew taper bars,
Kindled winking fires
In the hooded briers.

And the sprawling Bear
growled deep in the sky:
And Orion's hair
Streamed sparkling by:
But the North signed low:
"Snow, snow, more snow!"

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